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AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows (unamended claims appear in small type and italics for ease of reference):

1. ~~(Amended) A method of validating articles of currency, comprising: [in which,] checking, prior to issuing a signal indicative of whether the article is valid, the measured properties of an article [are checked] against a plurality of sets of criteria, each set corresponding to a predetermined type of article[, the method comprising:] ; issuing the signal indicative of whether the article is a valid type of one of the predetermined types; and subsequently determining whether the measured properties meet at least one further set of criteria of an article of a different type.~~

2. *A method as claimed in claim 1, including altering the combination of sets which are checked prior to issuing the signal.*

3. *A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein altering the combination is performed in response to determining that the measured properties meet a further one of the sets of criteria, and wherein the act of*

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